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SUBJ: JONATHAN BATES

REF: BEIRUT'S 8777 AND BEIRUT'S 9003

1. NEA/ARN HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JULY 23 FROM MRS. BATES IN WHICH SHE STRONGLY REAFFIRMED HER INTENTION TO VISIT JONATHAN BEFORE RETURNING TO THE U.S. ON OCTOBER 20. SHE WRITES THAT SHE IS VERY DISTURBED THAT JONATHAN AND CARDILLI SUGGESTED THAT PROFESSOR BATES AND SHE POSTPONE THEIR VISIT UNTIL DECEMBER. SHE ASKS FOR MORE INFORMATION RE REASONS FOR POSTPONING VISIT UNTIL DECEMBER.

2. REFTELS SHOULD ANSWER BATES FAMILY'S QUESTIONS RE VISITING DAMASCUS. REQUEST EMBASSY ATHENS INFORM BATES ARN COUNTRY DIRECTOR KORN HAS JULY 23 LETTER, FILL THEM IN
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IN DETAIL ON INFORMATION REFTELS, AND TELL THEM THAT IN

DEPARTMENT-S VIEW CARDILLI AND BITAR HAVE ADVANCED SOUND REASONS FOR NOT RPT NOT MAKING VISIT TO DAMASCUS, AT LEAST NOT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. RE LETTER FROM TITO TO ASSAD, DEPARTMENT AWARE THAT PROFESSOR BATES HAS IN PAST TRIED TO OBTAIN INTERVENTION OF YUGOSLAVS ON BEHALF OF JONATHAN, BUT DID NOT SUCCEED OWING TO YUGOSLAVS' RELUCTANCE TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

BITAR'S SUGGESTION SEEMS TO AMOUNT TO A SORT OF LETTER OF CREDENTIALS FOR PROFESSOR BATES; IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YUGOSLAVS MIGHT BE MORE INCLINED TO CONSIDER DOING THIS. IN ANY CASE, BITAR'S SUGGESTION WOULD APPEAR TO BE WORTH EXPLORING. ATHENS SHOULD SO INFORM PROFESSOR BATES.

4. FOR BELGRADE: FYI: PROFESSOR BATES WAS IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER AT UN EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE EXPECT HE WOULD PURSUE CONTACT DIRECTLY WITH YUGOSLAVS, BUT IF HE SHOULD REQUEST DIRECT USG ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT WOULD OF COURSE FIRST CONSULT WITH EMBASSY. END FYI. ROGERS

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